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REMARKS

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1. 1st Mtz Engr Bn.

a. The battalion received 15 new sub-lieutenants on 15 March 1949 who, with one exception, had absolutely no education.

b. Legal proceedings were instituted against Maj. or Lt. Col. MERAY who was to have become battalion commander.

c. The Soviet infantry weapons which arrived at the end of 1948 or the beginning of 1949 were new and still packed as they left the factory. The Soviet infantry rifle of model 749 was 7.62 mm caliber and 110 centimeter long. "Hammer & sickle" insignia and the "Kossuth" coat of arms were embossed below the sight. It had a 26-inch, four-sided bayonet, without scabbard. The bayonet could not be folded when fixed.

d. No Soviet gas-defense equipment was available. Gas-defense training was restricted to a few hours of theoretical instruction.

2. 101st Mtz RR Engr Bn. The projected three companies of this battalion were to include one railroad construction and one railroad operating battalion.3. Technical Division. The headquarters of the Technical Division was to be redesignated "Technical Inspectorate" and to be transferred from MAROSSZIGET (Q 49/H 51) to BUDAPEST. The previous division commander was to receive the official title "Technical Inspector."4. 1st AAA Bn. The battalion was quartered in the barracks of SZENTENDRE (Q 48/H 54). It had new Soviet equipment.Document No. 002NO CHANGE in Class. ☐☐ DECLASSIFIEDCLASSIFICATION SECRET

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5. 11th Hvy Arty Bn. The battalion had been transferred from PECS (Y 5/E 22) to LISKOLC (H 49/Y 87), and was quartered in the Artillery Barracks on 18 April 1949.

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6. 1st Rifle Div. The Hq of the 1st Rifle Div, commanded by Major General or Lt. General VARINAEV, was in PILISCABA (Q 48/H 34), according to soldiers stationed there.

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Comment:

a. Except for par.3, [] confirms previous information, particularly with regard to the reorganization of engineer troops, the transfer of a heavy-artillery unit from PECS to LISKOLC and the transfer of Hq 1st Inf Div from VARPALOTA to PILISCABA.

b. The information that the headquarters of the Technical Division was redesignated in "Technical Inspectorate", though not yet substantiated, appears probable, since engineer troops are never combined into an engineer division.

c. The Soviet infantry rifle of model "48" was reported for the first time.

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